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Easy Road to Fame.

At this season of the year, "introducing a bill" is the shortest of all roads to fame, declares the Boston Transcript. Any member of a lawmaking body, state or national, with suitable writing materials at hand may do this. For some reason the reading public takes the act with tremendous seriousness. It is not uncommon to hear that "they are going to do" so and so in Washington, or in the legislature, and on investigation it turns out that the indefinite "they are" merely means that some one man has introduced a bill to make the change in question. This is a very long distance from legislative enactment. The bills that will be introduced at this legislative session will run up into thousands; the number involving important changes that will be actually passed is decidedly small, particularly in the congress of the United States. How easy it is to introduce a bill was illustrated by an experience of Senator Blair. At the request of a constituent with whom he had but slight acquaintance, and in the closing hours of a session of congress, he introduced, without reading, a bill which, as it proved, would attempt to divert the Gulf stream, by some engineering feat, so that it would warm up Labrador and incidentally the regions to the north—commonly referred to as the bill for "heating the north pole." Many of the bills introduced this winter are quite as far removed from the statute books as that famous measure. Labrador is still cold.

Is Business War?

Can the ethically right be economically wrong? Could any indictment of our present competitive system be more terrible than the following: "It is necessary to realize in the world of business, as in the battlefield, a world outside the direct control of the Christian ethic." We should be grateful for this frank utterance by Mr. Masterman. It is simply in line with Mr. H. H. Rogers when he said, "Business is war." We need not quote the well-known words of Gen. Sherman regarding war. Men are beginning to understand the anti-social, anti-religious, anti-ethical nature of capitalism and its destructive power over the worker. Writes Rev. George R. Lunn in the Homiletic Review: The condemnation of capitalism, however, is not the equivalent of condemning capitalists in toto. They are victims of a system which we have outgrown and ought, in the interest of our Christian faith, to abolish.

We have been building monuments to those who could massacre the most. In the cathedrals of Europe and in the parks of America you will find ten monuments to those who have destroyed their kind to every one of those who have brought the world light and life; but a better day is dawning. Seven years ago, writes Charles L. Goodell, D. D., in the Homiletic Review, when France made up its list of immortals, Napoleon, the greatest of butchers, headed the list, but last year it made another roll of its noble men, and Pasteur, the savior of human life, stood first. There is another book which has the list of God's immortals, and above that list it is written, "They that be wise shall shine as the firmament and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever."

It is said that of those who applied for aid under the British old-age pensions act, which went into effect January 1, nine-tenths were unable to sign their names. If this is so, it is a striking proof that ignorance and illiteracy go together. Of similar import was the argument of a recent essay on the conditions of labor in England. The writer, not unsympathetic, spoke of that "multitude of incompetents who call themselves the unemployed." That does not tell the whole story of poverty, for individual good men have hard luck, and bad times overtake the best. But on the whole, the competent man succeeds.

The contributions made by people of the United States to the earthquake sufferers of Italy amount to much more than a million dollars. The response to the call for aid was above all things prompt, many of the money orders going by cable direct to the Italian relief agencies. Rarely has there been in the world's history a more generous answer to an appeal, and Italy can never forget the rich gifts from this land.

A Solomon came to judgment in London has ruled that a baby has a right to cry and that in exercising this natural prerogative it cannot legally be held as a crying nuisance. A striking piece of evidence in the defense was the forced admission for the lawyer prosecuting the noisy infant that he had once been a crying baby himself.

The good American can generally be counted upon to be a hero whenever heroism is required.

Heading over an article in a medical magazine: "Cardiac Arrhythmia Due to Extra-Systoles in the Bundle of His." We have not had time to read the story, but if the man is troubled that way our recommendation would be that he drop the bundle.

A women's Short Skirt league has been formed in London. The members, according to Woman's Life, bind themselves to wear dresses which will not sweep the floor and pavement, and so gather up dust and microbes.

MILLION DOLLAR FIRE IN SEEDS

SIX FIREMEN BELIEVED DEAD UNDER WALLS OF DICKINSON WAREHOUSE, CHICAGO.

GENERAL ALARM TURNED IN

Dust and Gas Explode—Thirty-Five Companies and Two Boats Respond—\$300,000 Fire at Columbus, Ohio.

Chicago, Ill.—A general alarm of fire was turned in Friday morning when two immense 12-story warehouses of the Albert Dickinson Co. caught fire. The company is one of the biggest seed and plant concerns in the country and the warehouses were filled.

At 9:30 one of the walls of the burning warehouses fell and six firemen are believed to have been caught under it and crushed.

Dust and Gas Explode. The fire started from an explosion of dust and gas in one of the buildings. The fact that the goods in both warehouses are extremely dry and combustible spread the fire rapidly and 35 companies and two fireboats were called.

The warehouses cover two square blocks and with their contents are valued at \$1,000,000.

\$300,000 Fire in Columbus. Columbus, Ohio.—Fire which began with an explosion, from some cause not known, in the Brunswick bowling alley, at 3 a. m. today, burned out the building, spread to the six-story building of the Tracy-Weiss Co., and the latter, with the remains of its \$200,000 worth of stock, is a mass of ruins, piled in the cellar. The loss is \$300,000.

A NEW PERIL IN FLOOD

Rising Waters Threaten to Make a New Channel and Leave Towns Far Inland.

Evansville, Ind.—Steamboats are plying the flooded lands at points above and below Evansville, rescuing families and live stock harried by the rapidly rising Ohio river. Rivermen are less hopeful that the flood stage would be checked at the 42-foot mark and fear the water will go beyond 45 feet.

Green and Paton rivers are at the highest stages known for years and immense damage is being done. Green river is hurling its torrents of water into the Ohio above the city, and tears are entertained that the terrible force of the current will cut a new channel through Kentucky above the city.

A number of refugees are coming to the city on every boat and if the river continues rising for another 48 hours a large number of them will be cured for hero. The river is 41 feet Friday morning and is rising an inch an hour.

BRYAN CRITICISES SUIT

In Commoner He Says Government Could Bankrupt Editors of Moderate Means.

Lincoln, Neb.—W. J. Bryan in Friday's issue of his Commoner says about the president's libel suit:

"The president has secured the indictment of Mr. Pulitzer of the New York World and Mr. Smith of the Indianapolis News. If every newspaper proprietor is to be threatened with bankruptcy by federal prosecution in case he dares to say a word against the action of a federal official, we will have taken the first step toward despotism. It will cost Mr. Pulitzer and Mr. Smith more than the fortune of the average man to defend themselves in the suits brought. What chance, therefore, would the average editor have in such a case?"

Old Chicago Newspaper Man Dies

Chicago, Ill.—Edward Jennings, a newspaper man in Chicago for 35 years, died suddenly of heart disease. He was born in Boston, Mass., in 1851, and was educated in the public schools, coming to Chicago soon after 1869. In 1885 he became one of the editors of the Associated Press and later became night manager at Chicago headquarters.

Famous Paris Cartoonist Dead

Paris, France.—Caran d'Ache, France's most famous cartoonist, died here Friday of heart failure. His real name was Emanuel Poiré. He was born in Russia, and his name, "Caran d'Ache," is the Russian for "car and axe."

Pike's Biggest Man Is Dead

Louisiana, Missouri.—Abe Slisson, 52 years old, 6 feet 9 inches tall, the largest man in Pike county, died of heart disease while automobiling Friday. Slisson formerly was chief of police of Louisiana.

George R. Burrows Dead

Madison, Wis.—George Baxter Burrows, former speaker of the lower house of the Wisconsin assembly, a member of the senate and a prominent Elk and Mason, died here Friday.

Once a Power: Dies Penniless

Los Angeles, Cal.—Porteus B. Weare, at one time a power in the business world of Chicago, and later a factor in business in Seattle and the northwest is dead here. At the time of his death he was virtually penniless.

Kelly Defeats Thomas

New York, N. Y.—Hugo Kelly of Chicago defeated Jot Thomas, of San Francisco in five rounds before the Fairmont Athletic club Thursday night. The referee stopped the fight when Thomas was helpless.

SUFFRAGETTES OF TITLE ARE JAILED

LADY LYTTON AMONG SUFFRAGETTES WHO PREFER 90 DAYS TO GIVING BOND.

"ARMY" STORMS ASQUITH

Police Arrest Leaders Trying to Force Interview With English Premier—Attack Albany Citadel.

London, England.—Suffragettes of title and the highest social position were sentenced Thursday for from one to two months in jail for the demonstration last night, when an army of suffragettes tried to force an interview with Premier Asquith.

Among those sentenced were Lady Constance Lytton, sister of Lord Lytton and daughter of the former Viceroy of India; Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Daisy Solomon, daughter of the ex-premier of South Africa, and others of equal rank.

Thirty suffragettes were arraigned in court as a result of last night's arrests. They refused to give bond for their good behavior in the future and chose instead the prison sentences.

Suffragettes Swarm Albany Citadel. Albany, N. Y.—Undaunted by the absence of their expected leader, Mrs. Clarence H. Mackay, with badges and banners, bearing the militant words, "Votes for Women," delegates of the Equal Franchise Society swarmed into Albany to assail the ramparts of legislation in an attempt to wipe from the state constitution the noxious little word "male."

Mrs. Mackay, brilliant society leader and popular member of the fashionables of New York, who recently identified herself with the suffragist movement had promised to head the delegation from her city. She was prevented at the last minute by illness.

While hotel corridors and lobbies hummed with anticipation and confidence, the more distinguished leaders, including Rev. Anna H. Shaw, president of the national association, appeared before the judiciary committee of the senate and assembly.

A rival band with less of the pomp of war, yet no less confident of success, including officers and members of the Women's State association, also advanced upon the legislative hall, opposing the extension of the right of franchise. Of this organization Mrs. Ellhu Root is a prominent member.

Woman Gets Place Over 35 Surgeons

New York, N. Y.—After a course at Cornell, a year spent on the surgeon's staff in a busy Williamsburg ambulance and several months as assistant house surgeon, Dr. Mary Merritt Crawford, 25 years old, was made house surgeon of the Williamsburg hospital today, which means chief of the surgical staff.

Her corps of assistants includes seven men, and she is said to be the first woman to hold such an important position in a large city hospital. In her examination for the place as ambulance surgeon Dr. Crawford stood first over 35 other applicants, all men.

Iowa Authorities Want Maberry

Des Moines, Iowa.—Armed with requisition papers, Detective Gronev left Wednesday night for Little Rock, where J. C. Maberry is under arrest charged with being the leader of a gang of fake racing and wrestling matches in Council Bluffs. Maberry was arrested on charges brought by T. W. Bellow, of Princeton, Mo., stating he had been swindled out of \$30,000 cash.

Kaiser Wilhelm II, in Port Uninjured

New York, N. Y.—The big North German Lloyd liner Kaiser Wilhelm II, from Bremen, Southampton and Cherbourg, which grounded in the fog in Gedyney's Channel Wednesday and was pulled off, and backed to Ambrose Channel lightship and anchored, came up the bay Thursday and landed her passengers. The liner was unhurt by the contact with the mud.

Senator Kenna's Widow Dies

Washington, D. C.—Mrs. Annie E. Kenna, widow of Senator John E. Kenna of West Virginia, died Wednesday in this city. Mrs. Kenna, following her husband's death, was appointed postmistress at Charleston, W. Va., a position she held many years, and against strong opposition from political sources. She had been in ill health more than a year.

Slayer of Stepdaughter Is Hanged

Westchester, Pa.—Irwin A. Lewis, the young Franklin township farmer, murderer of his stepdaughter, was hanged in the Chester county prison here Thursday.

Woman's Slayer Hanged at Reading

Reading, Pa.—Frank Palmer, murderer of Mrs. Gertrude Clinton, was hanged in the jail yard here Thursday. The man's neck was broken by the drop and death was instantaneous.

U. S. Telephone to Increase Capital

Columbus, Ohio.—The United States Telephone company, the big rival of the Bell concern, was Thursday authorized to increase its capital stock to \$5,550,000, with an additional issue of \$500,000.

100 Omaha Rioters to Be Tried

Omaha, Nebraska.—Chief of Police Briggs of South Omaha announces that he has already given the names of 20 members of Sunday's anti-Greek rioters to the county attorney and that about a hundred in all will be recommended for prosecution.

Mail Subsidy Gains Point

Washington, D. C.—By a vote of 10 to 7, the house committee on post-offices and post roads Thursday agreed to report favorably to the house the senate bill for an ocean mail subsidy.

HETTY GREEN'S DAUGHTER WEDS

ATTEMPT TO MAINTAIN SECRECY CAUSES LUDICROUS STREET SCENE.

STUDENTS HOLD UP WAGONS

Cries of "Stop Thief" Add to Confusion as Party Leaves Hoboken—Students Hold Up Wagons.

Morristown, N. J.—Sylvia Green, only daughter of Mrs. Hetty world, was married Tuesday to Matthew Astor Wilks, grandson of the late John Jacob Astor. Howard L. Pell gave away the bride. The Rev. Philomen E. Sturgess performed the ceremony.

The bride is just past 30 years of age and will inherit half of her mother's estate of \$60,000. The bridegroom is about 35.

Strange and ludicrous scenes preceded the ceremony because of Mrs. Green's efforts to have it performed with comparative secrecy. When the bridal party started from Mrs. Green's home at 1309 Bloomfield avenue, Hoboken, in a one-horse cab, to board the special train which awaited them at the Lackawanna depot, they were followed by a motley procession of delivery wagons, milk wagons and vehicles of every description, which were filled with curious persons and newspaper men.

Students Hold Up Wagons

The clatter of the horses on the asphalt pavement was heard by the 400 students in the Stevens Institute at Fifth and Hudson streets. They thought a runaway was passing and they instantly left their studies and swarmed into the street. The cab passed, but they held up the rest of the procession.

"Let us pass!" shouted those in the wagons. "Hetty Green's daughter is in the cab ahead and she's going to be married."

"Roh! Roh! Roh! for the marriage," yelled the students. Those who could then climbed on to the tall ends of the wagons, and the charge was renewed. Scores of them did a Marathon to the cab, overtaking it and peering joyously at the embarrassed occupants inside while they breathlessly wished the bride-elect all the happiness in the world.

Persons on the street, seeing the wagons held up and then the chase after the cab, thought a robbery had been committed, and a cry of "Stop thief" was raised. This added to the crowd and likewise to the confusion.

"Cabby" Knew His Business

But the cabdriver knew his business and he belabored his horse so that the animal went along as it had never raced before. The party reached the Lackawanna depot, about 50 yards ahead of the pursuing vehicles.

That gave Mrs. Green, her daughter and Wilks time to reach the private car Avondale before the crowd was able to overtake them. Once inside the car they pulled down the curtains, and nothing more was seen of them.

The car left for Morristown attached to the regular Morristown express, which departed from Hoboken at 9:21 o'clock.

Kills Boy Re-enacting Play

Hattiesburg, Mississippi.—Not knowing the gun was loaded, Minna Holmes, aged 13, in repeating the part he had performed in a recent amateur theatrical, shot and killed Woodville Ellis, son of City Attorney S. W. Ellis, last night. The victim of the tragedy was about 13 years of age.

Civil War Veteran Drops Dead

Carmi, Illinois.—J. S. McNair, 64, a veteran of the civil war, dropped dead of heart disease. He was formerly connected with the pension department. A widow and son survive.

Nili Bought by Toledo

Toledo, Ohio.—The Toledo club has purchased George Nili from the Philadelphia Athletics. He was "Connie" Mack's property, although staying in New Orleans last season.

Pirates Land Young Catcher

Pittsburg, Pa.—Manager Fred Clarke of the Pirates has secured Catcher Shriver of the Wheeling (Central League) club and will take the youngster on the spring training trip.

Two Aged People Cremated

Whitehall, Montana.—Mrs. William Crist, 85 years old, and John Teas, her hired man, nearly as old, were cremated Saturday night when the cabin on the Crist ranch, six miles from Jefferson was burned.

Inherits Fortune but Remains Soldier

Fortsmouth, N. H.—Napoleon Cyres not yet 21, a private in the 10th company, coast artillery, at Fort Constitution, has inherited \$45,000 from an uncle in Canton, O. He will re-enlist.

Punch Bowl for Watson of Indiana

Washington, D. C.—Representative James E. Watson, who ran for governor of Indiana on a "dry" platform, is to be presented with a handsome punch bowl by his colleagues in the house.

Kills Two in Quarrel

Springfield, Missouri.—Eugene Tucker, truck gardener, Monday night shot and killed George Ellis and his wife, Mary Ellis, an aged couple, during a quarrel over the impounding of Tucker's cow. Tucker surrendered to the sheriff.

Paris, France—After long inactivity

Paris, France.—After long inactivity, M. Santos Dumont launched a new monoplane at Issy Monday and executed a few short flights. He will make some modifications in his machine before attempting further flights.

8 KILLED ON WAY TO GREET FLEET

A SOUTHBOUD PENNSYLVANIA TRAIN COLLIDES WITH LOCOMOTIVES ON SIDING.

FLAMES TRAPPED VICTIMS

Trainmen Lose Lives, Many Passengers Tossed From Seats Being Injured—Two Seriously.

Delmar, Del.—With its coaches filled with passengers on their way to Norfolk to witness the homecoming of the battleship fleet, the first section of Pennsylvania passenger train No. 49, south bound, early Monday ran into a blind siding and collided with two locomotives in the yards here.

Immediately following the collision a combination baggage and mail car and a baggage car of the passenger train caught fire.

Eighth Body Still in Debris

Seven bodies have been recovered and another is believed to be still in the wreck. The identified dead are: J. D. McCree, Wilmington, Del., baggage master; Oliver Perry, Philadelphia, express messenger; W. B. Cochran, Philadelphia, mail clerk; J. W. Wood, Wilmington, Del., mail clerk; R. M. Davis, Maryland, Del., mail clerk; F. L. Wilhelm, Wilmington, Del., mail weigher.

The passengers were severely shaken up, many being tossed from the seats and slightly injured.

Two passengers were painfully injured

One of whom is Miss Sophia Ashansopolis, of Memphis, Tenn., hurt about the shoulders.

Educated Trick Horse Killed

Princess Trixie, the famous educated trick horse belonging to the Princess Trixie theatrical company, was killed. The groom, Lewis Brockway, riding in one of the baggage cars with his charge, was injured internally and removed to the Salisbury hospital.

Traffic was delayed an hour and a half.

Mothers' Congress Adjourns

New Orleans, La.—The National Mothers' Congress adjourned Monday after sessions which began last Thursday. It was announced the next meeting would be held in Denver in June, exact date yet to be decided upon.

Three new departments were created, the most important of which is the "Parents Educational Bureau of America," in the promotion of which the Mothers' Congress will have the assistance of the United States government, provision already having been made for the free printing and distribution of literature thereof.

To Complete Canal By 1914

Chicago, Ill.—Isam Randolph one of the seven engineers who accompanied President-elect Taft to the canal zone, said Sunday that he can see no reason why the Panama canal should not be completed by 1914—one year earlier than has been expected generally. He declared that the conditions in the canal zone are excellent and the salaries paid average 40 per cent more than in the United States.

Castro Plans Return to Venezuela

Dresden.—Cipriano Castro, former president of Venezuela, is planning to return to that country and resume the life of a private citizen. Several weeks ago he sent a letter to President Gomez setting forth his purpose to return and his willingness to voluntarily recognize Gomez as president by retiring from the presidency himself, but he has received no answer to this communication.

Actor Dies on Train

Milwaukee, Wis.—Leon Wachner, actor, manager, impresario—a figure unique in American theatricals—died on the Twentieth Century Limited near Buffalo. Wachner was head of the Milwaukee German stock company appearing at the Pabst theater.

Death Stops the Honeymoon

Ottawa, Kansas.—Miss Hazel Washburn was married to Roy W. Stookley of St. Louis. They left on their honeymoon, but when they reached Kansas City they found a message announcing the death of the bride's mother.

To Cut Wages of 600,000 Employees

New York.—The United States Steel corporation has decided to make a general reduction in wages before May 1. The reduction will affect 600,000 workmen and the yearly saving to the giant trust will be \$75,000,000.

White and Negro Kill Each Other

El Dorado, Arkansas.—John Olin, each other Sunday. Franklin had a negro named Ford shot and killed each other yesterday. Franklin had evidently been warned that the negro was after him.

Insurance Agent Is Suicide

Tulsa, Oklahoma.—William Lancaster is believed to be the name of the young insurance agent who committed suicide here Sunday. He was known in this city as George H. Royan of Kansas City.

Seven Are Blown to Death

Port Arthur, Manitoba.—Foreman Nelson Hanson and six workmen on the Transcontinental railroad, working 120 miles north of Neigon, were blown to pieces early Monday by a premature explosion of dynamite.

High Line Ditch for Flood

Syracuse, Kansas.—The commercial club has taken up the matter of a high line ditch for flood waters of the Arkansas river. The water will be distributed over the flats north of the river.

WHEAT-STEEL WAR IS DUE

JIM PATTEN FIGURES IN FORMER MOVIE, STANDARD OIL IN METAL CUT.

GRAIN TO RECORD STEADILY

Seventeen-Cent Rise Makes It \$1.15 1/2, and End Is Not in Sight—No Undue Excitement Apparent.

Chicago, Ill.—Wheat, which has been rising steadily for several weeks, was on the upward trend when the market opened Saturday morning, going to \$1.15 1/2, a new record for the crop. In spite of this abnormal high price, however, there has been no undue excitement and none was evident at the opening Saturday.

While traders declare the market is not a speculative one, but is due to shrinkage in the value of money, decreased crops and the milder winter in the winter wheat districts, a large number of the bigger speculators, led by James A. Patten, the "coarse grain king," have bought heavily in an effort to corner the market and boost the price still higher. The opportunity afforded for a corner is great, as reports indicate that the visible supply of wheat in elevators is below normal.

Since Patten began his present campaign, May wheat has advanced 17 cents a bushel, and he is popularly believed to be 30,000,000 bushels long on this future. Patten's followers declare the end is not yet, and that prices will advance still higher. The market has not shown nervousness, but instead has been a steady, firm advance.

Standard Figures in It

Chicago, Ill.—It is because the Standard Oil trust committed what was considered a breach of faith toward the Steel trust when it placed business with the independents, at their lower figures, that a merry steel price war is on, according to statements made here today in connection with the announcement that the independents will meet the cuts proposed by the trust.

The Standard Oil company, it is stated by the independents in explanation of the present situation, was represented at the meeting last fall, in which the trust decided to maintain prices as the best method of tiding over the effects of the financial flurry, and as a party to the meeting the Oil trust was expected to support the Steel trust in its attitude. The Standard, however, could not resist the temptation to save, and it is asserted, has been giving a large amount of work to the independents, who claim they have been getting most of the business of the country since about January 1.

The immediate effect of the announcement of the independents that they will meet price cuts will be that the war which was declared by the trust yesterday will be begun in earnest at once.

The chief independents in and around Chicago and Gary, Ind., are the Republic Iron and Steel Co., the Inland Steel Co., the Interstate Steel and Iron Co., the Cambria Steel Co., and the Lackawanna, the Scully & Ryerson Steel & Iron companies.

The fight may be lively while it lasts, but the Steel trust is regarded generally as controlling the situation, inasmuch as it owns 85 per cent of the iron ore output of the country. By refusing to sell to independents, it is stated, the latter's supply could be cut off and their business greatly hampered. Between \$1,500,000,000 and \$2,000,000,000 are involved in the capital stocks of all the companies concerned.

Steel Rails at \$25 a Ton

New York.—The statement was made in Wall street Saturday that the price of steel rails had been cut and that business is being placed at \$25 a ton, which is \$3 below the official price.

112 Farmers Organize Company

Litchfield, Illinois.—At a mass meeting the Farmers' Grain and Live Stock company was organized with \$15,000 capital, 112 farmers being stockholders. The company plans to maintain prices on grain and live stock.

Takes Life on Street Corner

Pine Bluff, Arkansas.—A. F. Kirkpatrick, 25 years old, shot and killed himself, the suicide occurring at the corner of Second and Pine streets. The deed was deliberately planned.

Salesman, Shot by Clerk, Dies

San Francisco, Cal.—T. J. Guine, the Chicago traveling man, who was shot early yesterday morning by Night Clerk Harry Howard at the Union Square hotel, died at midnight last night. Howard is now held in the city prison.</